THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Centrally Protected Monuments and the adjoining lands are not allowed to be sold as per Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 and Rules 1959.

Proposal to Promote Tourism and Develop Infrastructure

347. SHRI T. VENKATARAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ecology consiousness has become the base for any tourism development effort the world over;

(b) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to promote tourism and develop infrastructure;

(c) if so, whether a comprehensive plan has been worked out covering all related issues in India; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India provides financial assistance to State/UT Governments on the basis of specific proposals received from them. The development of tourism in the country is guided by the Tourism Policy of the Government which takes into account all relevant issues including ecology and environment.

Representation from Refugees Migrated from West Pakistan

348. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been receiving representations regarding grant of citizenship rights, from West Pakistan refugees who migrated to the State of Jammu and Kashmir consequent to communal disturbance in mid-1947;

(b) whether, inspite of such representations, neither the State Government nor the Central Government have taken any action to redress their grievances;

(c) whether Government would take necessary measures to redress the long-standing grievances of the aforesaid persons who have been suffering grave disabilities on account of non-availability of citizenship rights; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI):

(a) West Pakistan Refugees have been representing to the State and Central Governments from time to time demanding that those who migrated from West Pakistan on the eve of partition and were allowed to reside in J & K, should be declared as permanent residents of the State under the J & K Constitution.

(b) to (d) The displaced persons of 1947 who migrated to some parts of State of J & K are Indian citizens. However, they are not permanent residents of the State of J & K in terms of the Constitution of J & K. In its judgement delivered in February, 1987 in a Writ Petition, the Supreme Court had observed that it is up to the State Legislature to make suitable amendments in the State laws to provide relief to these persons without amending the Constitution of J & K. Government is of